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REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-63. Claims 1, 22 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-7, 23-28 and 44-49 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 22-24 and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Davies et al. (U.S. Patent 6,839,767), in view of Dulai et al. (U.S. Patent 6,205,479).

Applicant has accordingly canceled independent claims 1, 22 and 43, and has amended claims 2, 3, 23, 24, 44 and 45 to depend respectively from newly-independent claims 4, 25 and 46, which are believed to be allowable, as explained below.

Claims 4-21, 25-42 and 46-63 were objected to for depending from rejected base claims, but were deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Applicant has therefore amended claims 4, 5, 7, 25, 26, 28, 46, 47 and 49 to stand as independent claims, incorporating the limitations of canceled claims 1, 22 and 43, respectively. The remaining claims in this application all depend from one of these newly-independent claims. Therefore, all of the claims in this application are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented above to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the

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Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks,

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in
the present application are in order for allowance.

Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

Please charge any fees which may be due, and which have not been submitted herewith, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

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